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REMARKS

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It is respectfully submitted that many of the cited references do not include the structure of claim 2 as originally filed. It is respectfully submitted that the few of the cited references which may be considered to include similar structure (such as U.S. Patent Nos. 5,026,117 and 6,588,843) do not include springs and/or springs in the arrangement of springs 54 of the present invention. Claim 2 as originally filed has been amended to recite this distinction over the prior art. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 2 and the claims which depend therefrom are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has cited the United States patents and publication listed in NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED as M of Page 1 of 2 and A-F of Page 2 of 2 and indicated consideration of the Taiwanese patent cited by applicant. By the lack of application of these references and others like them within the classes or subclasses searched, the Examiner apparently recognizes the clear patentability of the present invention over any of these references.

Therefore, since the claims of the present application have been shown to include limitations directed to the features of applicant's reclining apparatus for chair which are neither shown, described, taught, nor alluded to in any of the references cited by the Examiner and by the applicant, whether those references are taken singly or in any combination, the Examiner is requested to allow claims 2-21, as amended, of the present application and to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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